

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 20, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TURPIE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7676.]

The committee, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7676) for the relief of Alexander Sturgeon, late of Company E, Third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in war with Mexico, have examined the same and report:

From the facts stated in the House report upon said bill, which is hereto attached, approved, and made a part hereof, we think this a meritorious measure, and do recommend the passage of the bill.

[House Report No. 1626, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7676) granting an increase of pension to Alexander Sturgeon, have considered the same and report:

The claimant was a private in Company E, Third Indiana Volunteers, and served a year in the war with Mexico.

He is now a pensioner at \$8 per month for service in said war.

In connection with the claimant's application for increase of pension by special act of Congress, Dr. A. J. Ralph, of the board of United States examining surgeons at Nashville, Ind., testifies that the claimant is so much affected by rheumatism of the hands and feet as to be unable to perform any manual labor. There is a contraction of the tendons of the hands and fingers and the muscles are atrophied. He has also lost the sight of his left eye.

Frank P. Taggart, W. C. Duncan, Joel R. Carter, and seventeen other citizens of Brown County, Ind., certify the same as Dr. Ralph relative to claimant's physical condition, and in addition they state that he is sixty-six years old and in great need of aid, and that unless the Federal Government renders assistance he must suffer or become an object of charity. They further state that the claimant is a man of good moral character and that none of his ailments have been caused by vicious habits.

The passage of the bill is respectfully recommended.